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FDA-Docket No. 98N-1265
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to the Draft Memorandum being proposed by the FDA which limits the ability of formulary pharmacies to ship medications meant for personal use across state lines.

I have spent many, many hours educating myself and searching out sources to obtain medications that are more efficacious for me than those provided by the chain drugstores. Because all the medications I take are prescribed by my physician, and all of the formulary pharmacies will only sell them to me if I have a prescription, I can see no reason for the FDA to object to my purchasing them by mail. These compounded medications are an important part of my health care. I am quite drug-sensitive and allergic to many standard drug compounds. It would be a severe hardship if I were unable to obtain the medications I need.

I am baffled as to why the FDA feels the need to limit the formulary pharmacies' right to do business. This feels a bit like restraint of trade as well as restraint of my right to choose where I obtain the medications I need to live a healthy life. I urge you to respect my rights as a consumer and the rights of these pharmacies to do business by abandoning this proposal.

Sincerely,

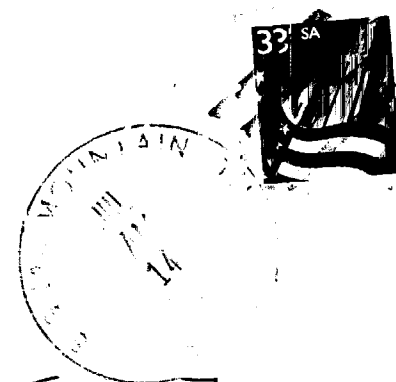


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